



Date: October 8, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Subject: Public Hearings for Confirmation of Mini Assessment Rolls

Water Main on Valley Springs Road from Rose of Sharon Road to Rivermont Road and Rivermont Road from Valley Springs Road West to the West Property Line of PIN 0813-01-19-7523

Water Main on Valley Springs Road from Rivermont Road North, then West to include PIN 0814-03-10-7214, Rose Road from Valley Springs Road to the North Property Line of PIN 0813-01-19-9957 and Forrestdale Road from Valley Springs Road to the end of the cul-de-sac

Executive Summary

The City Council, at its meeting on September 3, 2013, held a public hearing regarding the assessment of the subject water mains. Both assessment rolls were confirmed with the exception of certain properties, due to objections to the assessments by the respective owners. Council action is required to confirm or relieve the said assessments.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that City Council grant relief until tap on of the water main assessments as shown on the two attached mini rolls. The recommended relief is in accordance with policy.

Background:

Johnna T. Forrester objected to the proposed assessment against her property, described as 3344 Rose of Sharon Road, PIN 0813-01-28-6910. This property is a large sub-dividable tract in a residential zone and is therefore eligible for relief until tap on of the water main assessment under the Assessment Relief Policy.

R & K Real Estate Group objected to the proposed assessments against their property, described as 4000 Forrestdale Drive, PIN 0813-01-29-7361. This property is located on the southeast corner of Forrestdale Drive and Valley Springs Road. A water main was installed along both roads, so this property has two proposed assessments. This property is a large sub-dividable tract in a residential zone and is therefore eligible for relief until tap on of the water main assessments under the Assessment Relief Policy.

Belle S. Browning objected to the proposed assessment against her property, described as 4723 Rose Road, PIN 0813-01-19-7905. This property is unsuitable for a ground absorption sewage system per the Durham County Health Department and City sewer is not available to serve the property. Therefore, the property is currently unbuildable and is eligible for relief until tap on of the water main assessment under the Assessment Relief Policy

Issues and Analysis:

Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham dictates that City Council hold a public hearing before final confirmation of each assessment roll.

Alternatives:

There is not an alternative per the City Charter.

Financial Impacts:

Granting relief until tap on of these water main assessments will result in a decrease of immediate potential revenue. However, if any of the properties connect to the water main, a water frontage fee would be due at the prevailing rate, which is higher than the assessment rate for these improvements, so an increase in revenue would be recognized.

SBDE Summary:

The SDBE Summary is not applicable to this item.

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